AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A parison ~~Parison~~ or rigid container defining at least one wall and comprising ~~made from at least~~ a polyester resin comprising at least 85 Mol.-% of polyethylene terephthalate and at least 0.01 Mol.-% but not more than 5.00 Mol.-% of units of the formula

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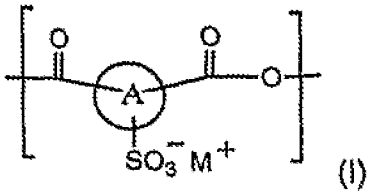

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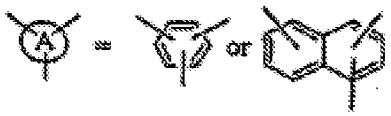
wherein

wherein n is an integer from 3 to 10; and wherein M+ is an alkali metal ion, earth alkali metal ion, phosphonium ion or ammonium ion; and

wherein the polyester resin contains less than [[<]] 5.0 wt.-%, of diethylene glycol and wherein the polyester resin contains Na_2HPO_4 in an amount such that a phosphorus ~~the phosphor~~ content is 10 to 200 ppm (based on the weight of the polyester resin) and

wherein the polyester resin is either free of or does not contain more than 9 ppm of NaH_2PO_4, and wherein the intrinsic viscosity is 0.6 to 1.0 and the polyester resin has a natural stretch ratio (NSR) of less than 10.

2. (currently amended) A parison ~~Parison~~ or container according to claim 1, wherein



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3. (currently amended) A parison ~~Parison~~ or container according to claim 1, wherein

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4. (currently amended) A parison ~~Parison~~ or container according to claim 2, wherein the attachments to the phenyl ring are in 1-, 3- and 5- position and the attachments to the naphthyl ring are in 2-, 4- and 6- position.

5. (currently amended) A parison ~~Parison~~ or container according to claim 1, wherein M^+ is Li^+, Na^+ or K^+.

6. (currently amended) A parison ~~Parison~~ or container according to claim 1, wherein the Na_2HPO_4 (disodium monohydrogenphosphate) is in the form of the dodeca-hydrate (•12 H_2O).

7. (currently amended) A parison ~~Parison~~ or container according to claim 1, wherein the polyester resin further comprises less than [[<]]10 Mol. -% of modifying agents.

8. (currently amended) A parison ~~Parison~~ or container according to claim 1, wherein the NSR of the polyester resin is less than 9.6 ~~<10~~.

9. (currently amended) A parison ~~Parison~~ or container according to claim 1, wherein the half time of crystallization of the polyester resin is greater than [[>]] 150 sec at 200°C.

10. (currently amended) A container ~~Container~~ according to claim 1, and having a longitudinal stretch ratio (SR_L) less than 4, and/or a hoop stretch ratio (SR_H) less than 3, and/or a planar stretch ratio (SR) less than 12~~, and preferably less than 10~~.

11. (currently amended) A container ~~Container~~ according to claim 1, and having a fill volume less or equal to 1 liter[[1l]]~~, especially less or equal to0.6l, and 0.5l~~.

12. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ of making a container by biaxially stretching in a mold a parison according to claim 1.

13. (currently amended)A process ~~Process~~ according to claim 12 wherein the parison is being biaxially stretched with a longitudinal stretch ratio (SR_L) less than 4, and/or with a hoop stretch ratio (SR_H) less than 3, and/or with a planar stretch ratio (SR) less than 12~~, and preferably less than 10~~.

14. (currently amended)A process ~~Process~~ according to claim 12 wherein the parison is being biaxially stretched so as to form a small volume container having a fill volume less or equal to 1 liter[[1l]]~~, especially less or equal to 0.6l, and more especially less or equal to 0.5l~~.

15. (currently amended)A parison ~~Parison~~ or container according to claim 3, wherein the attachments to the phenyl ring are in 1-, 3- and 5- position and the attachments to the naphthyl ring are in 2-, 4- and 6- position.

16. (currently amended)A process ~~Process~~ according to claim 13 wherein the parison is being biaxially stretched so as to form a small volume container having a fill volume less or equal to 1 liter[[1l]]~~, especially less or equal to 0.6l, and more especially less or equal to 0.5l~~.

17. (new) A parison or container defining at least one wall, wherein the parison or container comprises a polyester resin comprising at least 85 Mol.-% of polyethylene terephthalate and at least 0.01 Mol.-% but not more than 5.00 Mol.-% of units of the formula

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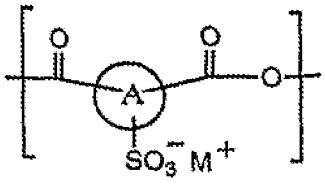

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wherein n is an integer from 3 to 10; and wherein M+ is an alkali metal ion, earth alkali metal ion, phosphonium ion or ammonium ion; and

wherein the polyester resin contains less than 5.0 wt.-%, of diethylene glycol and wherein the polyester resin contains Na_2HPO_4 in an amount such that a phosphorus content is 10 to 200 ppm (based on the weight of the polyester resin) and wherein the polyester resin is either free of or does not contain more than 9 ppm of NaH_2PO_4, and wherein the intrinsic viscosity is 0.6 to 1.0 and the polyester resin has a natural stretch ratio (NSR) of less than 9.6.

18. (new) A biaxially stretched container defining at least one wall and having a fill volume of less than or equal to 1 liter, the container comprising a polyester resin comprising at least 85 Mol.-% of polyethylene terephthalate and at least 0.01 Mol.-% but not more than 5.00 Mol.-% of units of the formula

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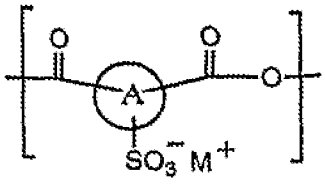

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wherein the polyester resin contains less than 5.0 wt.-%, of diethylene glycol and wherein the polyester resin contains Na_2HPO_4 in an amount such that a phosphorus content is 10 to 200 ppm (based on the weight of the polyester resin) and wherein the polyester resin is substantially free of NaH_2PO_4, and wherein the intrinsic viscosity is 0.7 to 0.9, wherein the polyester resin is biaxially stretched to a longitudinal stretch ratio (SR_L) of less than 4, and/or with a hoop stretch ratio (SR_H) less than 3, and/or with a planar stretch ratio (SR) less than 10 to form the container.